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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Friday March 2d. to Monday March 5th. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. IN Leviticus, Chap. 3. Verſe 17. *and* Chap. 7. Verſe 23. *there is ſo expreſs an Injunction againſt eating of Fat, of Ox, or of Sheep or of Goat, in my Opinion, as of eating of Blood or things ſtrangled; I humbly deſire your Opinion in this, and you will much oblige*

Your aſſured Humble Servant, W. K,

her Members to obſerve the Friday Faſts, and Eves of Feſtivals, and what Books I may read for my farther Inſtruction herein, by which you will oblige,

Gentlemen, your admirer, &c.

A. Fat was forbid upon a pure Phyſical Conſideration, *viz*, as *Maimonides* informs us, becauſe it is nauſeous and hurtful to the Stomach, and the Prohibition of it concerned only the *Iſraelites*, and them too only in ſome Particulars: But the Prohibition of Blood being grounded both upon Moral and Phyſical Reaſons, was a long Time antecedent to this and obliges all Mankind. The one was taken off by *Chriſt*, but the other ſtill remains in Force. Thus *Tertullian* teſtifies in his Book of *Monogamy*, *In Chriſt all Things are reſtored to their firſt State; Faith is returned from Circumciſion to the Integrity of the Fleſh as it was at firſt; Liberty of Meats, and Abſtinence only from Blood, is now as it was at firſt; Singleneſs of Marriage is now as was at firſt.*

Q. Gentlemen, *That the Lent Faſt ought to be ſtrictly kept by all thoſe that profeſs themſelves of the Church of* England *(notwithſtanding the general neglect of it) I ſuppoſe you will readily grant: Therefore deſire you wou'd briefly give me ſome Directions for the religious Obſervance of it: As alſo to inform me, in what Manner our Church requires*

A. What the Church of *England* teaches concerning Faſting, See *Hom.* 4th which is of *Good Works*. Other Books of our own Writers, that treat more largely on this Subject, are the following, *Hammond's Practical Catechiſm* B. 2. Sect. 12. B. 3 Sect. 3. *Taylor's H. living and dying* Chap. 4. *Feanes of Feſtivals. Bp. Gunning of Lent. Tillotſon's* Serm. 39. in the Folio; and *Nelſon of the Feaſts and Faſts of the Church*, which is a very uſeful Book, and more particularly to be recommended to all that wou'd piouſly obſerve all ſolemn Seaſons appointed by our Church. But the Queriſt cannot be ignorant how theſe Seaſons are to be religiouſly obſerved, if he knows in general what the Duty of Faſting imply's, and upon what occaſions the Church firſt appointed ſome particular Days and Seaſons for this purpoſe. He ought to know then that a Faſt for the Day implies a total Abſtinence from Meat for that Day, beſides a devout Humiliation of the Soul before God in Prayers, Confeſſions and Contrition for Sin. If the Faſt be for a longer Seaſon, as in *Lent* or the *Ember-Week*, a total Abſtinence from Food, being impracticable, we are only obliged to a more ſparing and delicious Diet. For ſuch was the Practice of the Primitive Church as *Epiphanius* teſtifieth, who ſpeaking againſt thoſe who abuſed the Seaſons of Faſting ſaith, " On Church faſting Days, and eſpeci-
" ally the Week before *Eaſter*, when with us Cu-
" ſtom admitteth nothing but lying down upon
" the Earth, Abſtinence from fleſhly Delights and
" Pleaſures, ſorrowfulneſs, dry and unſavoury Di-
" et, Prayer, Watching, Faſting, all the Medi-
" cines which holy Affections can miniſter, they
" riſe betimes to ſurfeit themſelves with luxurious

" Banqnets, and when their Veins are well ſwoln, " they make themſelves merry with laughing at " this our Service, wherein we are perſuaded we " pleaſe God. We ſhall obſerve farther by way of caution to the Queriſt, that Faſting does not conſiſt in a bare Abſtinence from Fleſh, and all Things that belong to Fleſh, and yet eating plentifully of other Diſhes, ſuch as delicious Fiſh, Aromatick Roots, and drinking the beſt Wines. Theſe Superſtitious Curruptions of Faſting introduced by the Church of *Rome*, ought to be exploded by all ſincere Chriſtians, who are not contented with meer Sophiſtical trieks for evading that which is alone ſubſtantial and effectual in Chriſtian Duties. As for the occaſions of firſt inſtituting the Times of Faſting now in uſe, which it is convenient for every one to know, that wou'd duly obſerve them, we muſt refer the Queriſt for Information to the Book laſt recommended, unleſs we have ſome other Opportunity of treating of them.

Q. Gentlemen, *Your extrem Ingenuity and unparallel'd Wit forces me to give the trouble of a Queſtion left to your Determination*, viz.

What is it a Woman of Honour and Modeſty moſt deſires in the World: Some Gentlemen inſiſt on Supremacy; others, on a Good and Heavenly Life, but whether of theſe, or any other cannot be reſolv'd without your Solution; the Wager of a Bowl of Punch is depending (wherein your Healths ſhall be minded) and your ſpeedy Anſwer will extreamly oblige

Your Admirer, J. T.

A. Supremacy it can by no means be, ſince a deſire of *Supremacy* in a Woman is the direct oppoſite to all Modeſty. A *Good* and *Heav'nly Life*, it wou'd certainly be, had you ſaid a *Woman* of *Piety*, *Honour* and *Modeſty*. But ſince it is poſſible to retain the Virtues of *Honour* and *Modeſty*, induced thereunto by the Light of Nature, without having juſt Notions of Religion impreſs'd on their Minds, we ſuppoſe ſuch meerly moral Women may moſt covet a *Good Name*; for thoſe Qualifications, which beſt become their Sex.

Q. Gentlemen, *Your neglecting ſo long to anſwer the former Requeſt, had like to have produc'd the ill Effects I then foreſaw; for the inflam'd Bullies being inrag'd at the ſilence, ran Headlong to the Field of Battle, behind* Mountague-Houſe, *where to't they fell Helter-Skelter, but by a Providencial accident, a Conſtable with his Myrmidons paſſing by, they ſeiz'd and ſecur'd them all in the inchanted* Savoy; *where now they are curſing their Stars, and threating Blood and Vengeance with next they meet abroad, which will be ſuddenly, they being (for ſundry reaſons) not qualify'd for the Service; therefore, to prevent further miſchief, you are once more preſs'd to diſpatch this grand Affair, by your Servant*

Don Saltero.

When Honour's Cauſe (as here) is to be try'd,
Whining Love Stories ſhould be laid aſide.

A. Tho' not ſo ſoon as you might expect, yet we preſume, by that time the above came to our Hands, our Anſwer to your Queſtion relating to the *Tinker*, *Botcher* and *Cobler*, arriv'd to yours, but we find it much maim'd, in leaving out the *Cobler's* Part, by ſome accident at the Preſs. Tho' we cannot be very ſorry that your Bullies had firſt a Rencounter, ſince perhaps they have beaten more Senſe into one another's Jobbernoles, than to contend for a Title of Dignity, of which they have not a Capacity to conceive any Idea, and had *Don Saltero*, but as many Brains as a Penny worth of Butter wou'd ſet a float, he had declin'd all concern for ſuch Vermine.

Where *Honour* is concern'd, we have Regard,
But *Honour's Ape*, our Counſels is debarr'd.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am afflicted with a violent Palpitation of the Heart; concerning which, your advice will be thankfully received by*

Your Voteriſt,
Alexis.

A. We have formerly given the Cauſe of the Palpatation of the Heart, but the Cure thereof we leave to the Phyſitians.

POEMS.

O ye *England*'s Head-pieces! Or her Repoſitories of *Wiſdom*.

Q *THE Queſtion hereunder inſerted, I would humbly implore a ſpeedy reply unto; and tho' it may appear as frivolous to ſuch* Sage Philoſophers *as ye are, yet the compaſſionate Regard you bear towards ſuch who are gifted with much inferior Talents to your ſelves, does ſeem Tacitely to indicate, that tho' the Subject I here offer may be unworthy of your conſiderations; yet your apprehenſions of ill Conſequences which may attend my Doubts, if not quickly reſolv'd, will incite you to condeſcend to give me your Opinion thereof. To hold you no longer in ſuſpence, 'tis as follows*, viz.

The Day, which preceeded Valentine's, *I writ the Names of Six Ladies, on as many pieces of Paper, which I threw promiſcuously into a Cup, from whence I took out one; the Lot fell upon Mrs. S. B. and accordingly I ſent her a Copy of Verſes in the Evening; but have not received any intimation from her, whether ſhe accepted thereof. The Query therefore is, whether or no, I may not conclude her ſilence to be an Argument of her acceptance, and ſo proceed to make her a Preſent (as is cuſtomary on ſuch an occaſion); or elſe ſuppoſe this diſguſted, and anſwers me in ſilence by way of Contempt. I Remain your Admirer and Correſpondent*,

Young Lewkcall.

If the Verſes tranſmitted the Lady may be of any uſe to you, for the ſolving the Queſtion propounded. If you pleaſe to ſpend ſo much time you may read them as follows. And by which you may gueſs at the merry Diſpoſitions of your Correſpondent.

Madam,

Six Scraps of Paper were rowl'd up,
The which were caſt into a Cup,
And on a Pole erected high
Was ſet; then winking with one Eye,
And with my Hand lift up aloft,
I made a quick, but ſingle Draught.
Out came a Paper lapped round
With Thread, the which I ſoon unwound;

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In

In op'ning [illegible] I did find
Some Lines [illegible] writ, that pleas'd my Mind.
Which herewith I have you tranſmited,
If guilty, that I may b' acquited;
Since the inſcrib'd were in they Lot,
The which I drew out from the Cup.

The LOT.

S—— *B*—— Bright and Fair,
Is conſtituted this one Year,
By Fortune, for your *Valentine*,
As you are young and in your Prime,
Deſpair not Youth but rub your Face,
And glaze it o'er with refin'd Braſs;
For they that timorous are of Spirit,
Amongſt the Ladies looſe thir Credit.

Theſe Lines, no ſooner had I read
But pleaſing Thoughts, poſſeſs'd my Head;
I was reſolved for to try,
If Fortune had ſpoke Truth or Lie.
Which made me to your Hands preſent
This Tranſcript, wiſhing the event
May prove as Fortune hath predicted,
That I may not be diſappointed;
If Madam *you accept hereof,*
Pray intimate your kind Approof,
If otherwiſe, you do refuſe,
Pray burn the Paper, and me excuſe.

LEWKCALL.

A. Is it poſſible for one inform'd, by ſo Bright a *Genius* as your ſelf, in the moſt ſublime Flights of Rhetoric to doubt the deſir'd Conſequences of his expectations! You who are arriv'd at the envy'd height of Judgment, both in Proſe and Verſe, that 'tis difficult to diſtinguiſh whether the Rhime of the laſt or the Senſe of the firſt, is preferrible in point of Excellency! No, you may conclude on divers conſideratoins, that your elaborate Lines leap'd into the Lap of her Indulgence, where they ſit brooding by the warmth of her Affections, otherwiſe by the laudable Rules of refin'd Education, ſhe had return'd your Letter without Infringment or Converſation with the contents, except it might ſo happen, that ſhe did return it to the Bearer, and he (urg'd by the exigency of a natural Motion) was forc'd to ſubmit it to a Fundamental Application, but perſuaded you, that it was offer'd at a ſweeter Shrine, then indeed the Caſe is alter'd; yet we are willing to decline ſuch Suppoſitions, becauſe tho' the Senſe of the Proſe might be all lay'd out of her reach, yet,

If that ſhould fail her Heart to pierce,
You'll captivate her ſure with *Verſe*;
To hear ſuch tender matters ſpoken,
—Why ſure by this, her Heart is broken:
Brok'd as your Numbers are and Senſe,
Which Reaſon ſcorn for their Defence,
Nay, all the proofs they do diſcover,
Are giv'n in evidence of *Lover*.
For who that Character attains,
Muſt firſt diſmiſs all ſigns of *Brains*;
And Strangers be as much to *Wit*,
As if they ne'er convers'd with it;
Sound Senſe thoſe Parts can ne'er perform,
More than a Tilt-boat in a Storm,
Can blubbler, ſigh, and cringe and whine,
And talk of Darts and Flames and Shrine,
Nor offer *wounded Hearts* there, which
The *Rites* ſhew rather of a *Witch*;
Who (if the Truth old Stories ſpeak)
Of *Humane* kind ſuch Offrings make;
Tho' one wou'd think, it were unci vil,
To place the Nimph in room of Devil,
And to her Sacrifices offer,
As *Witches* to Infernal proffer.
Another ſign you ſhew of *Lover*,
One'd think enough alone to move her,
And which moſt juſtly you may boaſt,
That is your *Memory* you have loſt,
Becauſe you oft forget to Rhime,
Tho' in next moment 'tis of Time.
Thus while you ſhew in all your Strains,
Such luckey want of Senſe and Brains,
And their Reverſe ſo ſtrongly ply,
All Rivalſhip you may defy.
Proceed then boldly and believe
Her Silence full conſent does give.

SIR,

London, March 5th.

ON Saturday laſt, arrived 3 Holland *Mails* with the following advice; That Admiral Norris was not yet arrived at Final; But that ſome Officers that came lately from Bercelonia to Genoa, report that that Admiral was in the Gulph of Roſſes, where he had deſtroyed a great quantity of Proviſion and Ammunition, that was deſigned for Girone; That Prince Ragotski has offerred to the Emperor 3 Million of Florins to obtain his Favour; That he will bring into the Emperor's Service ſeveral Thouſand Men, and that he will be contented with an equivolent for his Eſtate, given to others; That Count Carole has alſo ſubmitted, who the Emperor has reſtored to his Eſtate, and is to go with ſeveral Thouſand Huſſars as General of the Emperor to Spain; That the Sweediſh Troops in Pomaria conſiſt of 21300 Men, are ſhortly to march towards Saxony; That the Turks ſtill continue reſolved to conduct the King of Sweeden with 240000 Men, into his own Dominion. From Paris, that Marſhal Villers was returned to Court from Flanders, whether the Officers were to ſet out the firſt Inſtant, and the General the

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20th Instant; That the Duke of Vendosme Army was within 4 Miles of Bercelonia, from whence General Starembergh had sent 2000 Men to Ostalick, in order to Garrison and fortify that Place.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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